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Valley Still Considered For Regional Airport

It looks like Imperial County is still in the running as a potential site for a new regional airport.

Last Friday the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board selected the Imperial Valley as one of seven promising sites for locating a new San Diego International Airport.

"The Valley would be a great location for an international airport," said Congressman Bob Filner, who has been a vocal advocate for building the airport here in our area. "The people of the Valley would welcome an airport, construction wouldn't cost anyone their homes, and with a high-speed rail connection, the airport would be accessible from San

Diego in less than 30 minutes!"

Filner also noted that Imperial Valley is one of the two potential sites that are not located on military bases. Six San Diego-area Congressmembers and United States Senators Barbara Boxer have recently stated their opposition to building the airport on any military base.

"We must not shy away from proposals that seem visionary," said Filner. "The greater San Diego area is a growing world-class community. We need a world-class airport to meet our needs. Our region is capable of greatness - but only if we can embrace a bold vision of our future."